

REMARKS

In response to the Office Action dated February 18, 2005, Applicants amend Claim 8 to overcome the indefiniteness rejection. For example, amended Claim 8 now recites that the C-shaped link surrounds the smooth mandrel.


With respect to the obviousness double patenting rejection over Applicants' own United States Patent Number 6,619,024, Applicants submit a Terminal Disclaimer.

With respect to prior art, Applicant refers the Examiner to the already filed prior art disclosure statement filed in the parent application filed under serial number 10/314,211 on December 9, 2002, now U.S. Patent Number 6,619,024 dated September 16, 2003.

Applicant submits that the application is in condition for allowance, which allowance is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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